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21 April 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Support Assistant, DDS

SUBJECT : Resolution of Question Raised at the Support  
Officers Briefing on the VIP

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The question [REDACTED] raised at the VIP briefing on  
14 April 1971 was referred to OGC for a legal opinion. [REDACTED]  
specific question and the answer are as follows:

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Question - Assuming that a VIP participant retired and  
elected to defer distribution of his benefits to  
a date not later than his 66th birthday but died  
before electing a distribution method, does the  
beneficiary have the same option to defer dis-  
tribution as the retired participant had?

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Answer - According to the OGC VIP Legal Consultant  
[REDACTED] the beneficiary does  
not have this option. The election to remain  
a participant after retirement is an option  
open only to the member and is not a distri-  
bution option. The beneficiary is entitled to  
elect the method of distribution only. The  
beneficiary, however, may elect to defer  
distribution of benefits to a date not more  
than one year after the death of the member.

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Chief, Retirement Affairs Division

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